

# FIGHT FOR SEAT IN SENATE

## Missouri Republicans Out to Win.

### Bringham and Kerens Contest to Succeed Cockrell.

#### Other Candidates and Non- Situational Legislators Make Situation Interesting.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 18.—Five active candidates are vying for the seat of the late Senator James M. Smith in the Missouri senate. The contest is expected to be one of the most interesting in the history of the state.

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For roadway, and the remainder is left in its natural state, except for the ash-cinders and other refuse thrown on it, and is unsafe for people to drive over.

Few of our citizens would now undertake to defend a street 12 feet wide, and practically all would be glad to have them made narrower if it could be done without too much cost to the public, or too much loss and inconvenience to abutting property owners.

I wish to suggest a plan which I think would accomplish the purpose, not only without cost to the public, but to its immense advantage, and without loss to the abutting property owners but to their decided profit.

This applies only to the residence portion, as, of course, the width of business streets could not now be altered.

### A Plan of Relief.

My plan is simply for the city to say to property holders that whenever the majority in any given block, which is contiguous to a block already or about to be paved, desires it, the city will convey to them a certain number of feet of the street—say sixteen feet on each side, which is the present width of the sidewalk—on condition that they will pay for paving and sidewalk the remainder of the street in front of their property.

If the sidewalk were made eight feet wide, which is enough, a street of eighty-four feet wide would be left. That is four feet wider than the widest and twenty-four feet wider than the majority of streets, including sidewalks, in most cities, and would be ample for all possible purposes in the residence section.

The advantages to the public would be many:—First—The city would be healthier, because cleaner.

Second—Money would be saved in maintaining the streets.

Third—They would be better and more cheaply sprinkled, and less water would be required.

Fourth—Liability to accidents and consequent lawsuits against the city would be greatly decreased.

Fifth—It would add materially to the beauty of the city.

Sixth—It would save the building of bicycle tracks.

Seventh—It would do away with the dust and mud.

Eighth—It would make driving more easy and agreeable, and increase the number of vehicles used by our citizens.

The abutting property holders would jump at the offer.

### Cost and Profits.

The cost of paving and sidewalking the 100 feet of street would probably be between \$4 and \$8 per foot. That would be from \$200 to \$200 for a fifty-foot lot. It would be a poor locality indeed where the property owner would not be willing and glad to pay that much to add sixteen feet to the front of his lot and have the entire street paved and sidewalked.

Of course the details would have to be worked out by the city council. This is only a suggestion of what seems to me a feasible plan to greatly improve our city without really any cost to the public, and without added profit to those who pay the expense.

If you agree with me and would take the matter up in earnest, I believe the citizens would approve, when they come to understand.

Will you look into it and push it if it strikes you right?

CHARLES BALDWIN.

### WEATHER RECORD

Local forecast for today—Fair.

Yesterday's record at the local office of the weather bureau:

Maximum temperature, 31 deg.; minimum temperature, 14 deg.; mean temperature, 22 deg., which is 4 deg. above the normal.

Accumulated excess of temperature since the first of the month, 144 deg.

Accumulated excess of temperature since January 1, 244 deg.

Total precipitation from 6 p. m. to 6 p. m., none.

Accumulated deficiency of precipitation since the first of the month, 28 inch.

Accumulated excess of precipitation since January 1, .02 inch.

Local Forecaster, R. J. HYATT.

# SUITOR SHOTS GIRL FOR LOVE

## Parents Had Forbidden Them to Wed.

### Love-Sick Young Man Uses Pistol on Sweetheart and Himself.

#### Both Linger Between Life and Death, and Parents Regret Opposition.

NORTH MANCHESTER, Ind., Dec. 18.—Maddened at parental objection to his courtship, John Swank, 19 years old, 2 high school pupil, shot Miss Bennie Alber, 15 years old, in the left side, and when pursued by infuriated relatives of the girl, sent a bullet into his own brain. The youth is still alive, but his death is said by physicians to be inevitable. The girl has been unconscious since she fell wounded on the doorstep of her home, and it is feared she will die.

Swank and the girl fell in love when attending the high school. They are both members of prominent families. The youth was to have been graduated in the spring, and had hoped that then he could marry his sweetheart. The fact that a romance had developed between the couple first came to the knowledge of the young man's father two weeks ago. He instantly forbade the boy to meet Bennie, saying he was too young to think seriously of marrying. Mr. Swank went to the parents of the girl, and they shared his views. Bennie was forbidden to see the youth, and every effort was made to keep them apart.

### Had Kept a Tryet.

On Sunday afternoon they were found together. They had kept a tryet at a secluded spot near the girl's home. Mr. Swank had observed his son go to the meeting place by a devious route, and when he returned the father upbraided him for not observing his wishes. John spoke up, in reply, and said that nothing could keep him from Bennie apart. Yesterday he did not go to school, Bennie was there, but so far as it is known she did not see her sweetheart during the day. He did not return home for dinner, and just when his family were beginning to be alarmed over his absence a telephone message brought the news of the tragedy.

At 10 o'clock young Swank went to Bennie's home. He lay down near the door, waited for the girl, just as he had done nightly before the parents had placed a ban on their courtship. The signal was recognized by other members of the family, and Bennie was told not to leave the house. She said nothing until the regular hour for going to bed. She kissed her father and mother and a sis-

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ter before going upstairs to her room. Five minutes later she was shot.

No sooner had the girl entered her room and closed the door than she prepared to meet her sweetheart. She put on soft slippers, and going noiselessly downstairs, opened the door and stepped out into the darkness. She met Swank at the gate, but hardly had they exchanged greetings than the voice of her sister sounded very sharply behind them. In her fear and anxiety Bennie had neglected to close the door, and the cool air entering the house brought Miss Alber from the parlor to investigate.

### A Kiss of Denial.

When she found the door open she suspected that Bennie had gone out. Running upstairs she discovered Bennie's room empty, and hurrying back to the door she called for the girl to return. The girl thoroughly alarmed the love-sick girl, and she started to return to the house. Swank chided her with indifference, and she turned and kissed him in denial of the charge. He was heard to ask her to remain, but saying that she feared her parents she tore herself from his arms and ran toward the house. Instantly the youth drew a revolver and fired. The first shot went wild. The second struck Bennie in the left side, and it is feared the intestines are pierced. Waiting until he had seen the girl fall, Swank turned and fled.

He was pursued by several persons, among them being the father of the wounded child. In the darkness the youth evaded his pursuers, but he was caught sight of a second time when crossing the glare of a street lamp. A policeman was overtaking him when he shot himself. He looked over his shoulder at his pursuer, and seeing he was gaining rapidly, he stopped short. He was carrying the pistol in his hand, and pressing it against his forehead, he fired. The bullet entered the brain diagonally. As he was falling Swank threw the revolver thirty feet. He was carried home unconscious, and all efforts to revive him have failed. The doctors marvel at his living so long, and say that it was remarkable that his death was not instantaneous. The parents of the boy and girl are filled with remorse. They say they had no idea the couple was so deeply attached to each other, and that had they known they would have consented to a marriage.

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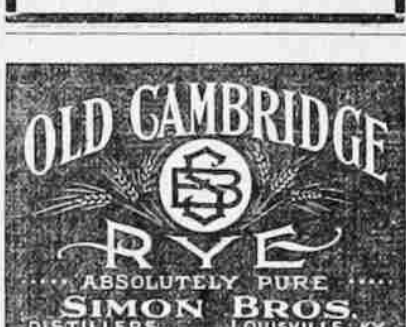
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